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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
FROM IVORIAN PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK
YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S
INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDI-
CATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICI-
PATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES
WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
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2. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
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WISHES TO DO SO.

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3. FYI. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. QUOTE: IT IS WITH PARTICULAR PLEASURE THAT I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 0ICENNIAL OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. YOU KNOW WHAT IMPORTANCE THE IVORY COAST, ITS GOVERNMENT, ITS PARTY, AND ITS PEOPLE ATTACH TO THIS EVENT. THUS IT IS WITH RENEWED FERVOR THAT I EXTEND TO YOU, ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION, OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE REJOICE AT SEEING IT GENEROUSLY REAFFIRM AND STRENGTHEN ITS COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN GENERAL AND THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR. VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. FELIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. KISSINGER

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